Clearance of irrigation schemes of Andhra Pradesh by CWC

3030. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Guthpa Lift Irrigaiton Scheme, Alisagar Lift Irrigation Scheme and J. Chokka Rao Godavari Lift Irrigation Schemes of Andhra Pradesh have been cleared by the Central Water Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds to be earmarked, scheme-wise; and

(c) the time-frame by which the above project are likely to be taken up by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Guthpa Lift Irrigaiton Scheme, Alisagar Lift Irrigaiton Scheme and Godavari Lift irrigaiton Scheme are under various stages of appraisal Water availability for Alisagar and Guthpa Lift Irrigaiton Schemes are to be established. Observaitons on irrigation planning for Alisagar and Guthpa LIS were sent to Government of Andhra Pradesh on 23.11.2006 and observations on water availability on 07.12.2006. For Godavari LIS, observaitons on irrigation planning were sent to GoAP on 07.12.2006. As per detailed project reports submitted by the GoAP, the estimated cost of the projects are Rs. 227.69 crore for Alisagar LIS, Rs. 182.87 crore for Guthpa LIS and Rs. 5216.34 crore for Godavari LIS.

After completion of appraisal of project by Central Water Commission, the projects are taken up with the TAC of MOWR for clearance and then investment clearance by Planning Commission is considered. The clearance to project by Central Appraising Agencies and Planning Commission depends on promptness with which State Government replies to the observaitons of the central appraising agencies.

Declaration of water resources as a National asset

3031. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has instructed the

State Governments for a legal amendment to declare the water resources as a national asset considering the growing scarcity of water country wide; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Special irrigation package for farmers in Garhchiroli (Maharashtra)

†3032. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a special package has been formulated for the district of Garhchiroli in Vidarbh region of Maharashtra under which wells would be dug and provided to the farmers;

(b) if so, the number of wells dug and provided to the farmers so far and whether the farmers are taking advantage of irrigaiton through these wells;

(c) the action taken so far for the segregation of districts of Maharashtra covered more than 70 per cent with forests from the jurisdiction of the Forest Act; and

- (d) the steps taken so far to build basic infrastructure such as roads, etc. in the district of Garhchiroli?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra has informed that there is no special package of wells formulated for Garhchiroli District of Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra, however, under Jawahar Wells Programme which is part of Employment Guarantee scheme, irrigaiton wells are provided to the farmers in Maharashtra State. In Garhchiroli District, 3405 wells have been dug under this Programme so far. The farmers are taking advantage of irrigation through these wells.

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